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**CHANGES TO THE NEW JERSEY NATIONAL GUARD TUITION PROGRAM LAW
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1. References:

- a. New Jersey Statutes Annotated (N.J.S.A.): 18A: 62-24, 18A: 62-25, 18A: 62-26.

2. On January 8, 2002 Acting Governor, Donald T. DiFrancesco signed assembly Bill A3884 deleting the requirement that a New Jersey National Guard (NJNG) member must register during late registration to receive up to 15 credits per semester tuition-free. This amendment also requires the State of New Jersey to reimburse an institution for the cost of each NJNG member using this program.

3. Administrative Details:

- a. NJNG members may now register during normal registration periods, tuition-free.

b. The State will now reimburse the institution. This payment mechanism will be transparent to the NJNG member, as it is an issue between the State and the institution. The NJNG member will now be treated as a paying student when registering for courses.

- c. All other administrative procedures remain the same; including:

- (1) The NJNGTP Statement of Understanding (NJDMAVA Form 621-1-R) explains the program and ensures that the NJNG member's knowledge of these conditions is a matter of record. This form is to be completed only once as the individual enters the NJNG.

- (2) The NJNG member must remain in good standing with their unit and obtain a NJDMAVA Form 621-2-R "Commander's Certificate of Eligibility" to submit to the school that they are attending, every semester.

- (3) The NJNG member must apply for financial aid annually. Proof of proper application for financial aid must be provided to the school before using this program. If financial aid is received (i.e. in the form of a TAG or Pell Grant), the service member pays the tuition costs with these funds. The tuition program will cover any remaining tuition costs.

- (4) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 62-27 the NJNG member does not pay for any tuition, but must pay for all other fees charged by the institution, including lab fees and books.

4. This change does not effect last year's amendment, which enacted the following:
 - a. Raised the tuition-free credits from 12 to 15; and
 - b. Permitted the use of the tuition program for graduate studies.
5. The amendment to N.J.S.A. 18A: 62-24 does not affect or change N.J.S.A. 18A: 62-25 "Eligibility of child, surviving spouse of certain members of New Jersey National Guard for tuition benefits." The eligibility of these individuals is still dependent upon available classroom space and minimum course enrollment by paying students.
6. The tuition program provides soldiers and airmen the opportunity for professional development by defraying a major portion of tuition costs while serving in the NJNG. If eligible, NJNG members may use their Montgomery GI Bill benefits concurrently with this program.
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